

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A belt retractor for a vehicle safety belt, said belt retractor comprising a frame (9) and a belt spool (1) which is rotatably mounted in said frame (9), ~~and at least one locking toothing (2, 3) which is a~~ first locking toothing (3) and a second locking toothing (2) ~~which are~~ connected with said belt ~~spool,~~ spool; a first locking catch (5) and a second locking catch (6) being provided, which are supported on said frame (9) and ~~can engage~~ engage into ~~into said at least one locking toothing (2, 3),~~ engage into each of said locking toothings (2, 3) respectively to respectively lock rotation of said belt spool; said first locking catch (5) being able to swing about a point of rotation which is arranged such that with said first locking catch (5) guided into ~~said locking toothing (2, 3)~~ said first locking toothing (3) a virtual line, which passes through a point of contact between said first locking catch (5) and said first locking toothing (3) ~~locking toothing (2, 3) and stands~~ extends perpendicularly ~~on~~ to tooth face in said point of contact, and runs between said point of rotation and a rotation axis of said belt spool (1), ~~and;~~ and said second locking catch (6) being able to swing about a point of rotation which is arranged such that with said second locking catch (6) guided into ~~said locking toothing (2, 3)~~ said second

locking tothing (2), a virtual line which passes through a point of contact between said second locking catch (6) and ~~said locking tothing (2, 3)~~ said second locking tothing (2) and ~~stands~~ extends perpendicularly ~~en to~~ to a tooth ~~face in face~~ at said point of contact, and runs on the side of said point of rotation facing away from said rotation axis of said belt spool (1).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The belt retractor according to claim 1, characterized in that ~~in a process of guiding in~~, said first locking catch (5) when guided in engages into ~~said locking tothing (2, 3)~~ said first locking tothing (3) and said second locking catch (6) when guided in ~~arrives~~ engages into a non-locking position spaced apart from said tooth face of ~~said locking tothing (2, 3)~~ said first locking tothing (3).

Claim 3 (Original) The belt retractor according to claim 2, characterized in that said first locking catch (5) is constructed so as to be flexible.

Claim 4 (Original) The belt retractor according to claim 3, characterized in that said first locking catch (5) is constructed as an additional part on said second (6) locking catch, which is connected with said second locking catch (6) by a predetermined breaking point.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The belt retractor according to claim 1, characterized in that a ~~first~~ said first locking toothing (3) and a ~~second~~ said second locking toothing (2) are provided, which each are connected with said belt spool, said first locking catch (5) being able to engage into said first locking toothing (3) and said second locking catch (6) being able to engage into said second locking toothing (2).

Claim 6 (Original) The belt retractor according to claim 5, characterized in that teeth of said first locking toothing (3) are constructed without undercut and teeth of said second locking toothing (2) are constructed with undercut.

Claim 7 (Original) The belt retractor according to claim 1, characterized in that teeth of said first locking catch (5) are constructed without undercut and teeth of said second locking catch (6) are constructed with undercut.

Claim 8 (Original) The belt retractor according to claim 5, characterized in that said first locking toothing (3) is arranged on a locking disk which is rotatable relative to said second locking toothing (2), and that a spring (4) is provided, which urges said locking disk relative to said second locking toothing (2) into an initial position in which it precedes said second locking toothing (2).

Claim 9 (Original) The belt retractor according to claim 1, characterized in that with said locking catch (5) guided

into said locking toothing (3), a virtual line which passes through said point of contact between said locking catch (5) and said locking toothing (3) and stands perpendicularly on said tooth face in said point of contact, runs right through said point of rotation of said locking catch (5).

Claim 10 (Original) The belt retractor according to claim 1, characterized in that said first locking catch is produced from a flexible material.

Claim 11 (New) A belt retractor for a vehicle safety belt, said belt retractor comprising a frame (9) and a belt spool (1) which is rotatably mounted in said frame (9), and a locking disc (3) which comprises an array of circumferentially spaced locking teeth connected with said belt spool, a first locking catch (5) which is supported on said frame (9) and which engages into said locking disc (3) to lock rotation of said belt spool, said first locking catch (5) being able to swing about a point of rotation which is arranged such that with said first locking catch (5) guided into said locking disc (3) a virtual line, which passes through a point of contact between said first locking catch (5) and said locking disc (3) extends perpendicularly to a tooth face at said point of contact, and said virtual line lies between said point of rotation and a rotation axis of said belt spool (1), a second locking catch (6) which is supported on said frame (9) and which engages into said locking disc (3) to lock rotation of said belt spool, said second locking catch (6) being able to

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swing about a point of rotation which is arranged such that with said second locking catch (6) guided into said locking disc (3), a virtual line which passes through a point of contact between said second locking catch (6) and said locking disc (3) extends perpendicularly to a tooth face at said point of contact, and lies and runs on the side of said point of rotation facing away from said rotation axis of said belt spool (1).